**SAL General Meeting Minutes**

September 3, 2020

Call to order: 19:05

In attendance: 24

Roll call:

* Commander: Joe Lohman
* 1st vice Commander: Dave Griffith - Excused
* 2nd Vice Commander: Tim Smith
* 3rd Vice Commander: Tom Allen - Excused
* Sgt. At Arms: Chris Chandler - Excused
* Finance: Eddie Souder
* Chaplain: Tony Scovitch
* Historian: Rob Delisi - Excused
* Judge Advocate: Rob Monko
* Squadron Executive Committee
* 1) Charlie Turner
* 2) Chuck Gilhouse
* 3) Dave Tyson

Motion was made to approve August meeting minutes. Minutes were approved

Membership: Joe Lohman reported that we are sitting at 192 of 310 right now. We are 2nd place, technically 3rd but the 2nd place Squadron only had 3 people. Dues are $25 now that Early Bird is over. Membership report was approved.

Finance: Eddie Souder reported that beginning balance was $7,223.45 and ending was $19,315.05 without the deposit from 9/2 QoH. Most of income is QoH, membership, a few donations and a 50/50. Approved.

Flag replacement: Charlie Turner reported that nothing is going on.

Car show 2020: Mike Templeton reported… We need to raffle the grill. Open to suggestions as to when. We did break even on it so at least no loss there. There are no upcoming events in the area to sell more tickets. Will table when to auction grill and discuss at executive meeting. Will store trophies and other items at Martin Caslow’s house.

Queen of Hearts: Eddie reported we had at least 600 to 800 volunteer hours over 32 weeks. Raised 70K and gave away $49K. So, $21K to SAL. That was just the queen. For pull tabs, we played 308 games including 77,000 tickets. This raised $19K for a total of $40K raised from the QoH Wednesdays. We gave away nearly $100K. Next one starts in 5 weeks!!!!!! Please contact Eddie if you want to be on the committee. Next one will start with a pot of $2K.

Bull and Oyster and Sportsman’s raffle: These two will be combined. We need to convene a committee to discuss this again. Clarence Newberry is a new member who can help replace Phil Graf on the committee.

Track it forward: Keith (Doc) Hnilicka reported 678 hours so far from 234 reports. For those of you who were not aware, Doc is taking place of Tim Allen managing this. We just upgraded our software so we can do mass emails from the software. Please write legibly when you sign in so he can record attendance properly. Please log in your hours. See him if you need help. We have a lot of hours that are not being tracked. We need our hours reflected in the reporting nationally. Logging in hours can benefit you too if you want tickets to other Legion events.

Blood Drive: Dave Tyson reported that the Red Cross contacted him and have asked us to conduct another blood drive. This time they will arrange everything if we provide the facility. Looking to do this in November.

Squadron Commander’s projects:

* 1st project is a new speaker system. They would go in lounge and in the hall. With the help of Dave Manchas and others we need to put in a new sound system. Eddie Souder got us high quality speakers. Now the project manager, Dave Manchas will set up a committee to get this all done with a target complete date of spring 2021. Ray Torres will work with Dave Manchas to help the commander with this project.
* 2nd project is to get rid of netting behind backstop and get a real fence behind Homeplate. Rob Monko is heading up this project.
* There was discussion about a new big screen TV in the lounge but that is possibly next year’s project.

Upcoming events:

Josie Lohman mentioned that we may have a crab feast on October 24th for members and spouses only. Limited to 2 tickets each. Limited to 150 people. Tickets will not be on Event Brite. This is not a fund raiser. This is an event for the members as a thank you. Josie asked for help from the SAL and the Squadron commander seemed to fall in line and say yes. $50 each. Post 60 Commander Luby said that she has caught a lot of flak about this, but she thinks that this is the best time to do this to boost morale.

Sick call:

* Herb Collin is suffering from the effects of COVID19. He is in the hospital on a ventilator.
* Jonna Capezzuto had surgery on her knee but is suffering more as a result of having had two chances to pick the Queen and only coming close with the queen of spades.
* Laurel Police offer Wallace Mitchell died.

Unfinished business:

* Rob Monko: Friday night kitchens! SAL to run the kitchen on Friday for bingo. Rob and Ray would like to put together small menu for this. Next Friday, 9/11 is targeted start date. For right now 2 weeks are on the agenda. They are looking for volunteers to help them with this.
* 50/50 during bingo to help pay for the commander’s project.

Good of the SAL:

* Detachment Convention has been moved to Ocean City at the Grand Hotel. A one-day event on last Saturday of the month. No hospitality, no golf, no… If you want to go, let Joe know ASAP!!! (Note added after the meeting: Squadron 60 will receive 17 awards, including 9 plaques.)

New business:

* A lot of people are losing their membership cards. If you need a new one, it will cost you $5. Motion approved.
* Last detachment convention is selling tickets support the National Support Fund. They want us to buy tickets that go off the daily lottery. Motion made to buy 10 at $10 each. Motion approved.
* Fantasy Football may be cancelled this year due to lack of response. (Note added after meeting: FFB is not cancelled.)
* John Kilgallon was asked to step forward as a representative for the Children of Fallen Soldiers Legacy Scholarship Fund. The American Legion supports the children of parents who died while on active-duty military service on or after Sept. 11, 2001 through its renewable scholarship, the Legacy Scholarship. Maryland started the Gold Star Legacy Fund and Legion riders will start a ride to raise money for this campaign. Eddie presented a check for $1000. John spoke. The ride has been going on for the last 4 years, but fund has been around a long time. The post just gave $1000 and SAL just matched it and Riders will give what they raise. Thank you for your support for this effort. Children and deceased and disabled veterans are eligible. Money goes to a principal and the scholarships come from the interest off the fund.
* Post 60 Commander Luby: On Labor Day, 9/7 we will have an event in the lounge for Patriot Day and POW MIA Remembrance Day. Monday at 2 PM and the Color Guard will be there. Some sandwiches and drinks will be available.

Meeting was adjourned at 20: 02

Crab soup and Gyros for dinner tonight.